PROBATION DEPARTMENT

I. DEPARTMENT MISSION

The mission of the Probation Department is to join our justice partners in service and support of our communities, courts and victims. The Department is committed to the support of public safety by providing evidence-based prevention, investigation and supervision services, as well as to provide a safe environment for our staff and those placed in our custodial care. The Probation Department operates to ensure that convicted offenders are held accountable for offenses by completing their court-ordered sentences. Probation services include counseling, substance abuse treatment, community services, victim restitution, home supervision, intensive supervision, and detention at a County juvenile institution or in a group home placement. The Chief Probation Officer is the Chair of the recently formed Community Corrections Partnership that is the advisory board involved in the planning, implementation and review of the County Plan for the local prison realignment (AB 109) plan.

II. MAJOR PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

ADULT FIELD SERVICES

SB678 Adult Supervision

Supervises a daily average of 1,500 felons convicted of violent crimes, serving to implement and monitor the specific and general conditions of probation, and hold offenders accountable to the court. Also includes banked caseload of one Deputy Probation Officer providing supervision and monitoring of probation violations with a daily average population of 700 felons. Funding from the State is received for the purpose of providing evidence-based supervision of adult felony offenders.

Adult Investigations

Prepares more than 4,000 felony investigative reports annually for the Superior Court. These include pre-plea reports for plea and bail considerations and assessment and recommendation reports for sentencing. Staffing includes four positions assigned to the Courts to provide information on probation cases to the judges and represents the Probation Department in the Superior Court to assist in arriving at the appropriate disposition. Positions are funded through Court Revenues.

AB 109

The Community Corrections Partnership (chaired by the County Probation Officer) completed the county-wide plan and budget that was approved by the Board of Supervisors. The elements of the plan include the Post Release Community Supervision folks who are released from prison and under the supervision of the probation department. Those sentenced to local commitments fro crimes that would have resulted in prior prison sentences are also released from jail and placed on probation supervision. Those clients released from prison and jail after completing a

term for violation their parole are also place on probation supervision. The need to coordinate and ensure services are available has been developed and continues to be refined. The goal is to ensure the client has the best possible chance to avoid further negative contact with the justice system. This could not occur without proper staffing, effective interventions developed in the community with enhanced partnerships. The State's AB109 Public Safety Realignment funds this program.

Domestic Violence

Provides intensive supervision of high-risk offenders who have been court-ordered to complete a mandated 52-week batterer's treatment program. Deputies also work with the victims of domestic violence and facilitate the collection of restitution and restraining orders when necessary. This program is partially funded by the Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence Initiative.

Narcotics Enforcement Team/Regional Anti-Drug Abuse Program (RADA)

Provides intensive monitoring and supervision of approximately 150 drug related offenders annually. Deputy Probation Officers work closely with Narcotic Enforcement Teams. This program is partially funded with grant funds from the Department of Justice.

Vehicle Theft

Cooperative program among the California Highway Patrol and the Sheriff, District Attorney, and Probation departments that enhances the capacity of local police and prosecutors to deter, investigate and prosecute vehicle theft crimes. Provides close supervision to a caseload of auto thieves placed on felony probation. This program is funded by the State via vehicle license fees.

DUI Enhanced Supervision Program

Collaboration with the California Office of Traffic Safety that provides for intensified supervision of felony drunk drivers.

Budget: \$1,882.267

FTE: 65

JUVENILE FIELD SERVICES

Provides juvenile delinquency investigations and reports to the Juvenile Court on approximately 3,000 matters annually. Supervises a daily average of 1,500 juveniles on probation, providing individualized controls, counseling, supervision, placement, and referral services to minors and their parents. Regular deputy probation office caseloads average approximately 40 juveniles per officer. Services are provided for detained minors and as they prepare to transition back into the community. It also includes clients in the community, and in out of home residential treatment programs.

Investigation

Conducts investigation into offenses and makes dispositional recommendations to the court. The Department performs over 4,500 intake and court investigations annually.

Court Probation Officers

Represents Probation in court hearings and provides information on probation cases to the judges to assist in arriving at the appropriate disposition.

Supervision

Supervises minors placed on probation or made wards of the Court. The probation officer has the responsibility to protect the community and to help minors and their families to recognize the problems that contributed to the delinquent behavior and to make the necessary adjustments to prevent further delinquency.

Placement

Formulates alternative living plans for approximately 125 youth annually, who cannot remain at home or attend local schools because of serious delinquency or behavioral problems.

Juvenile Drug Court

Juvenile drug offenders are ordered to therapeutic programs by the court and report back to the court regarding their progress in treatment and compliance with the orders of the court. Probation staff provides intensive supervision and drug testing. One position is funded through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant.

Community Probation

Deputy probation officers join with eight police jurisdictions to provide intensive supervision to high-risk youth. Funding is provided by the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA).

School Probation Officers

Provides case management services for juveniles referred by school districts as well as those on active probation. This program is funded through the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act, and increases the presence of probation officers on school campuses throughout the County.

Intake

Conducts initial investigation into alleged offenses, processes petitions (charges) for court consideration and recommends detention or release.

Budget: \$3,015,408

FTE: 63

FIELD SUPPORT SERVICES

Provides clerical support to the Probation Department.

Budget: \$1,601,777

FTE: 23

PROBATION FACILITIES

A continuum of court-ordered custodial care and treatment services for juveniles.

Juvenile Hall

The maximum security facility is designed for the mandated detention of minors before and after court hearings. Approximately 1,600 juveniles are booked annually.

Budget: \$17,835,230

FTE: 106.5

Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility (OAYRF) (Byron Boys' Ranch)

Rehabilitation facility that provides 100 beds for seriously delinquent boys committed by the courts. Approximately 225 juveniles are admitted annually for an average stay of six months.

Budget: \$344,921

FTE: 41

Girls in Motion

A gender specific countywide effort for girls that provide local programming services in a safe and controlled environment. Both cognitive and trauma based treatment enrich the secure program. Referrals to local resources and collaborative supervision methodology are utilized upon transition from custody.

Budget: \$138,456

FTE: 1.0

Electronic Monitoring

Provides electronic monitoring / GPS support to juvenile probation deputies and intensive supervision to minors released to the community prior to sentencing.

Budget: \$33,001

FTE: 2.0

Youthful Offender Treatment Program (YOTP)

Specific commitment treatment program for male youthful offenders utilizing cognitive / evidence based practices. The program encompasses a specialized living unit for participants who are in custody, appropriate referrals to community-based services and intensive supervision for participants who are out of custody.

Budget: (\$1,108,913)

FTE: 7.0

CARE OF COURT WARDS

Court-ordered custodial care outside of County facilities, and medical care for juvenile residents within County facilities.

Out-of-Home Placement

Provides federal, State and County funding for the board and care costs of minors placed in private residential care by the Juvenile Court.

Budget: \$3,391,529

FTE: 0.0

Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Fees

Fees paid to the DJJ (formerly the California Youth Authority) for the incarceration cost of juveniles from this County.

Budget: \$120,000

FTE: 0.0

Medical Services in Juvenile Facilities

Fees paid to the Health Services Department for rendering medical service to the residents of Juvenile Hall and the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility.

Budget: \$1,550,788

FTE: 0.0

ADMINISTRATION/SUPPORT SERVICES

Provides fiscal management, central records, automated systems, contract management, employee and facility safety, purchasing and payroll, facility and office management, training and resource development services. The County Probation Officer Chairs the Community Corrections Partnership that develops, implements and monitors the "Prison Realignment" (AB109) county-wide plan.

Budget: \$8,069,790

FTE: 18

PROBATION COLLECTIONS UNIT

The Collections Unit was added to the Probation Department in FY2010/11 upon the closure of the Office of Revenue Collections. The unit is responsible for collecting various fees that include but are not limited to Juvenile Hall and the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility to the Electronic Monitoring Program.

Budget: (\$61,447)

FTE: 5

TOTAL DEPARTMENT

BUDGET: \$36,319,414 **FTE:** 331.5

III. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

Complete the implementation of a computerized Law and Justice Information and case management system (CMS).

Probation continues to work on design of a CMS system to measure outcomes and improve efficiency.

Develop State Recognized Evidence-Based Programming (EBP) in facilities and field probation.

The Department has continued to keep this Performance Measurement in the forefront of its mission. The Department was awarded a grant to implement and train trainers in the use of Aggression replacement Treatment and maintained a data base to ensure fidelity to the models. The Department has begun training staff in Thinking for a Change (T4C) and is developing a plan for implementation. The Department also has scheduled staff for training in Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS), an evidenced based training in Motivational Interviewing.

Implement and train staff in Gender Specific Programming.

In 2010, the Department opened the Girl's in Motion Program in direct response to a lack of services for girls in the community. The Department has invested in training staff to identify and refer girls who have been commercially exploited. Staff on the unit and aftercare staff have received enhanced training in Gender Specific issues and Girls' Circle.

Seek possible funding sources to rehabilitate, at no county cost, two units of Juvenile Hall.

Units still require rehabilitation and the Department continues to search for sources of possible funding.

Improve collaborative efforts among departments to improve service delivery to clients.

The rapid implementation of AB 109 and creation of the mandatory Community Corrections Partnership defined partnerships and facilitated healthy communication to provide supportive services to adults re-entering the community from prison as well as providing improved services to the probation population now serving time in jail.

Improve facilities and develop programming to accommodate impending closure of DJJ

Plan for juvenile realignment including custody and rehabilitation of youth up to age 21.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAM GOALS

Continue to implement and evaluate all aspects of AB 109 and its' impact on the community as well as integration of services provided to clients.

Complete the implementation of a computerized Law and Justice Information and case management system.

Analyze all programs for enhancement opportunities presented by new technology. Continue to develop Best Practices and as a standardized case management system comes on line use it to measure and validate programming.